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29 DEC '78

Dear Marge,

Enclosed you will find my tithe for the month of Dec., 1978. I hope that it continues to help the work in Providence.

My tithe for January, 1979 will be late because we will be on winter maneuvers from Jan 28 - Feb 8 so I will not be able to cash my check until after Feb. 8.

Please keep me & this company in your prayers for the next 50 days or so. We have a very busy + trying schedule with an inspection, operational readiness test + field problem to handle. Winter is the most difficult of conditions so we must train + test our ability to operate under the worst possible conditions.

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On Sunday, Dec 31 I will be travelling to
Heidelberg to visit & share ideas on how to get
these 2 groups to better service the gay service-
men here in W. Germany

Well, take care - Happy New Year to all,

Peace

Richard Maters



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You
are
a
free
person.



I am so happy
because in your
freedom, you
choose me to
be your friend.

— Susan Polis Schutz

8/3/79

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occured. Not only do I feel comfortable, you have left me an inheritance of mission, ministry and life purpose. I came here a person with a drinking problem, you leave behind a recovering alcoholic. I came here with nothing to do with myself, you leave behind a very busy person. As a Christian, I had already had my Damascus experience, you were my Ananias, now I can see more clearly a ministry I must fulfill

Marge:

It is hard to put into words my feelings at this moment. In a time of down, I came to Providence because here I had a true friend who could love me in spite of myself. You did, I stayed, you're leaving.

Suddenly tho, I live in a world of up! Persons, places, things are all different. Only Christ is still the same, another frog prince miracle has

3000 miles will not be
enough to separate our
shared love in Jesus, the
Christ.

May God
grant
that the
Holy Spirit keep our hearts
and love always in close
touch with each other.

Thank you for the stole.
I promise to wear it worthily
in Christ's service

In Christian Love
Bill

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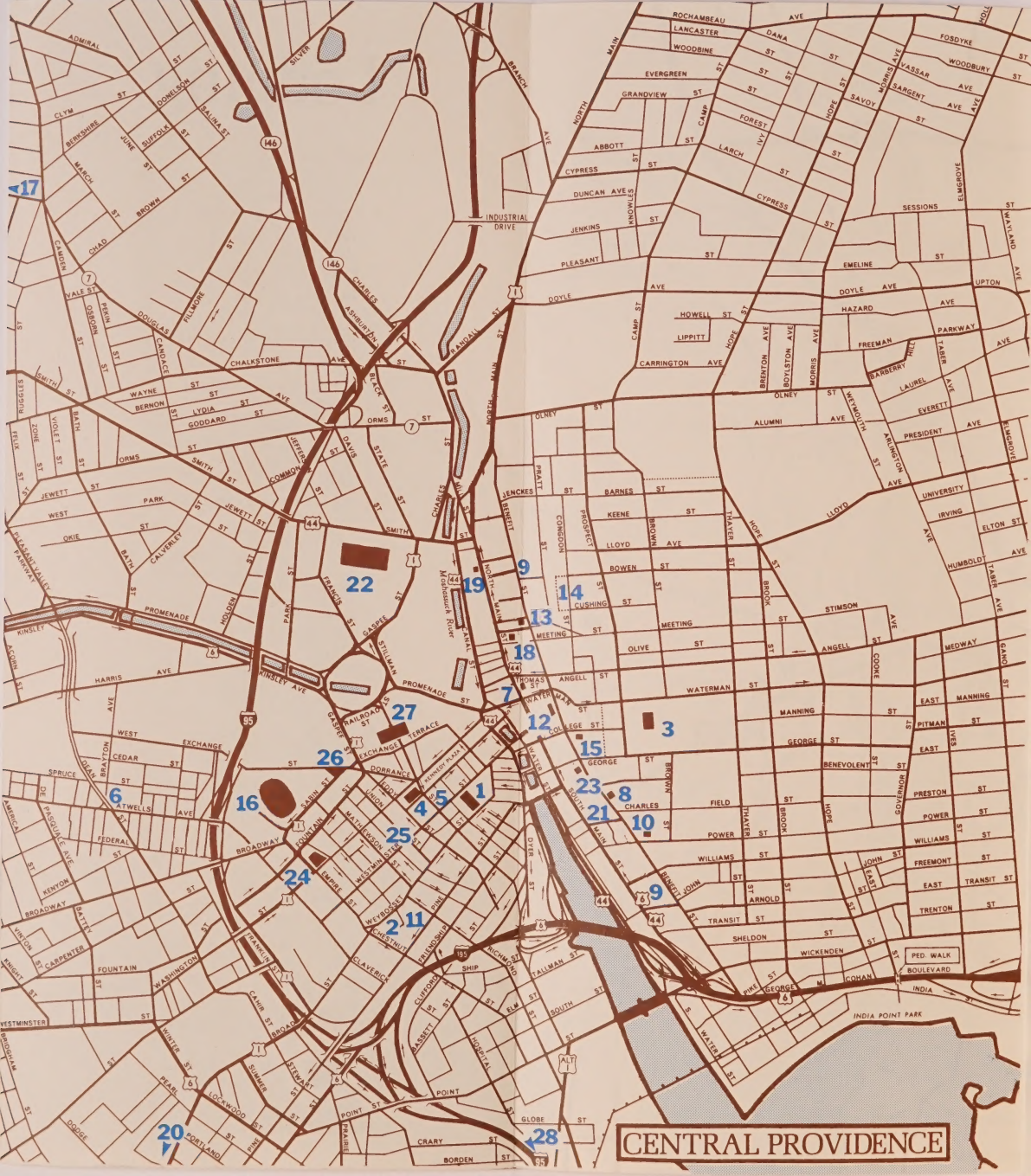
Map of Greater Providence



Sights

1. **Arcade** (1828) This is America's first shopping mall. The Greek Revival structure is located between Westminster & Weybosset at Peck Street.
2. **Beneficent Congregational "Round Top" Church** (1810) This historic place of worship is topped by a magnificent golden dome. Inside there is a 5,700 piece crystal chandelier. Weybosset Street and Abbott Park Place.
3. **Brown University** Chartered in 1764, it is the seventh oldest college in America. University Hall (1770) was used as a barracks by American and French troops during the Revolution.
4. **City Hall** (1878) This grand mansard style building is located on Kennedy Plaza.
5. **Greater Providence Convention and Visitors Bureau** Complete visitor information is available from the Bureau located on the 12th floor of the Howard Building at 10 Dorrance Street.
6. **Federal Hill** A quaint "Little Italy" centered around Atwells Avenue.
7. **First Baptist Church** (1775) Meeting house of the oldest Baptist congregation in America; founded by Roger Williams in 1638. North Main & Thomas Streets.
8. **First Unitarian Church** (1816) Its steeple houses the largest and heaviest bell cast by Paul Revere & Son. Benefit Street.
9. **Historic Benefit Street** This "mile of history" dates from the founding of Providence. Many historic homes and landmarks are located around this famous thoroughfare.
10. **John Brown House** (1786) An elegant late Georgian mansion that is now headquarters for the Rhode Island Historical Society. 52 Power Street.
11. **Johnson & Wales College** A business college centered on Abbott Park Place.
12. **Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design** Gallery exhibits, Pendleton House wing of 18th century American furniture, Egyptology and classic sculpture. Benefit near Waterman Street.

13. **Old State House** (1762) Rhode Island's Declaration of Independence was signed here on May 4, 1776, two months before the 13 colonies signed in Philadelphia. Now headquarters for the Rhode Island Bicentennial Commission. Benefit between North and South Court Streets.
14. **Prospect Terrace** Site of Roger Williams Memorial statue; fine panoramic view of Providence. Congdon at Cushing Street.
15. **Providence Athenaeum** (est. 1753) One of America's oldest libraries. The present Greek Doric structure was built in 1838. Benefit & College Streets.
16. **Providence Civic Center** A variety of public events are staged in this 13,500 seat arena located on Sabin Street at Empire.
17. **Providence College** The famous P.C. Friars basketball team hails from this college located on a sprawling campus at Eaton and River Avenues.
18. **Providence Preservation Society** Historic information and tours available. Meeting Street.
19. **Roger Williams National Memorial** A national memorial commemorating the original Providence settlement and Roger Williams Spring. Between North Main & Canal Streets at Smith.
20. **Roger Williams Park** Beautifully landscaped park featuring the Museum of Natural History & Planetarium, a zoo and numerous horticultural exhibits.
21. **Old South Main Street** Many fine shops and restaurants are located on this historic thoroughfare.
22. **State Capitol Building** (1895) Built of white Georgia marble, it has the second largest unsupported marble dome in the world. A bronze statue of the Independent Man crowns the dome. Smith Street.
23. **Stephen Hopkins House** (c 1707) Mr. Hopkins was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Benefit & Hopkins Streets.
24. **Trinity Square Repertory Company** The Lederer Theater is home to this widely acclaimed theater group. Washington & Empire Streets.
25. **Westminster Mall** The heart of Providence's shopping district.



CENTRAL PROVIDENCE

Transportation

26. Bonanza Bus Terminal

1 Sabin Street, Providence
Information: (401) 751-8800

27. Union Railroad Station

Exchange Terrace, Providence
Amtrak information: (800) 523-5720
Conrail information: (401) 331-1550

28. T. F. Green Airport

Warwick, R. I.

Airlines providing regularly scheduled service:

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American	(401) 272-1200
Eastern	(401) 831-4460
National	(401) 521-5400
United	(401) 831-6950

R. I. Public Transit Authority

Bus service information: 781-9400

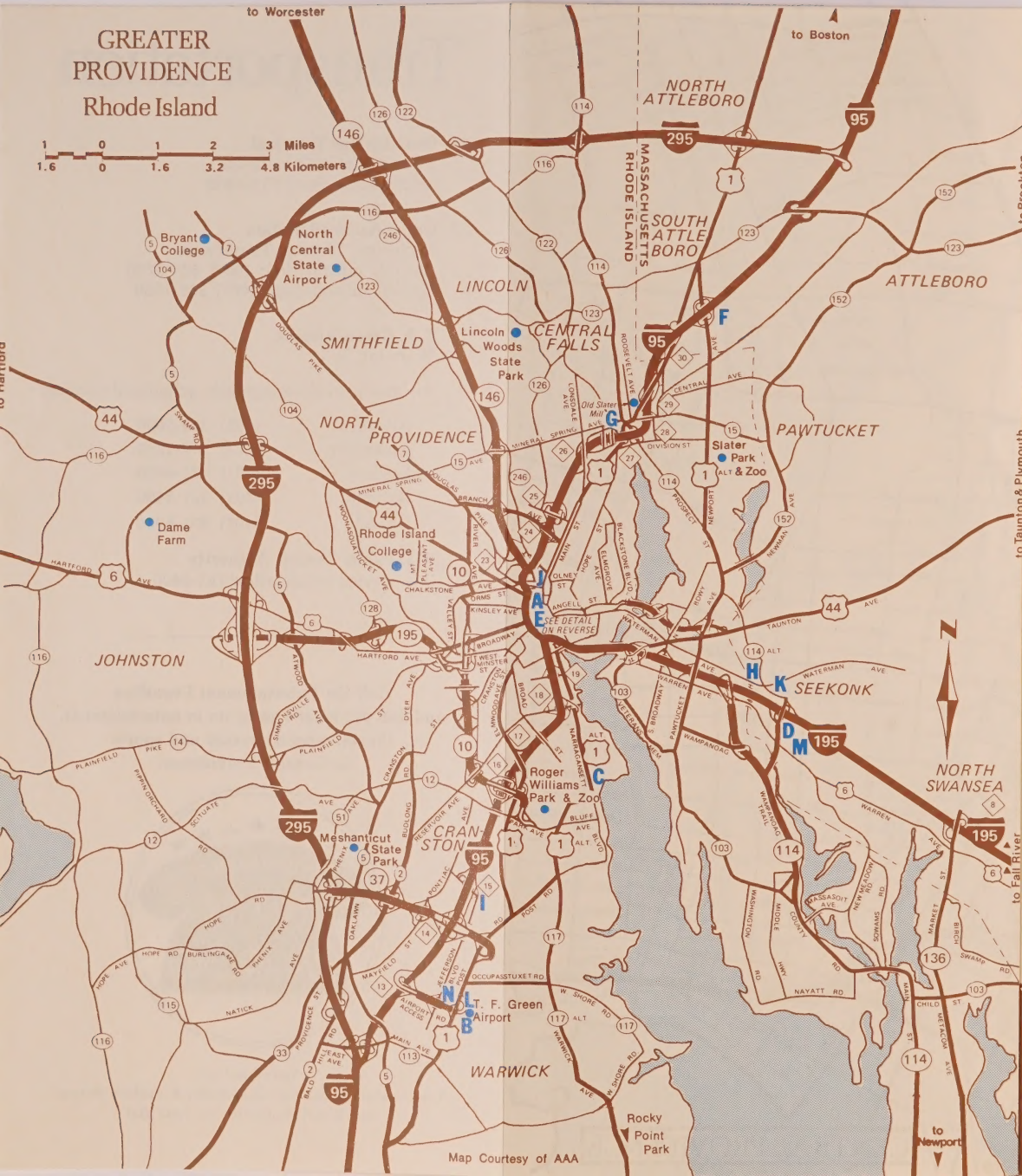
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- A. **Biltmore Plaza**
11 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02902
(opening spring 1978)
- B. **Carlton House Motor Inn**
2082 Post Road
Warwick, RI 02886
(401) 739-3000
- C. **Cranston Hilton Inn**
1150 Narragansett Boulevard
Cranston, RI 02905
(401) 467-8800
- D. **Esquire Motel**
1096 Fall River Avenue, Rte. 6
Seekonk, MA 02771
(617) 336-9000
- E. **Holiday Inn of Providence**
21 Atwells Avenue
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 831-3900
- F. **Holiday Inn of South Attleboro**
1270 Newport Avenue
South Attleboro, MA 02703
(617) 761-6660
- G. **Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge**
2 George Street
Pawtucket, RI 02862
(401) 723-6700
- H. **Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge**
Fall River Avenue, Rte. 114A
Seekonk, MA 02771
(617) 336-7800
- I. **Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge**
20 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888
(401) 467-9800
- J. **Providence Marriott Inn**
1 Orms Street
Providence, RI 02904
(401) 272-2400
- K. **Ramada Inn**
Fall River Avenue, Rte. 114A
Seekonk, MA 02771
(617) 336-7300
- L. **Sheraton Motor Inn**
1850 Post Road
Warwick, RI 02886
(401) 738-4000
- M. **Susse Chalet Inn**
Rte. 6 & 114A at I-195
341 Highland Avenue, Rte. 6
Seekonk, MA 02771
(617) 336-6600
- N. **Yankee Motor Inn**
2081 Post Road
Warwick, RI 02886
(401) 739-0600



GREATER PROVIDENCE

Convention and
Visitors Bureau

10 Dorrance Street
Providence, Rhode Island
02903

(401) 274-1636



METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF PROVIDENCE

POST OFFICE BOX 1462

PROVIDENCE, RI 02901

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Dear Marge,

I was very saddened to read your May 17th letter that you will be leaving Mcc Providence.

I could not think of something useful to give you so please keep the enclosed for yourself as a goodbye present.

I shall miss you + your charisma.

Via Con Dios, Kathy Uhler

Kathy Uhler
3595 Post Rd. #228
Warwick, R.I. 02886



Rev. Marge Ragouna
5 Junction St.
Providence, R.I. 02057





deep faith with
which you have
been gifted, and
will continue to
grow in your love for all
of God's children, especially
for those who are oppressed
for being themselves.

We sure miss your
smiling presence among us.
I'm fortunate to have known
you for a time. Please keep
me in your prayers, Marge.
Love, Sister Helen



8/28/79

Dear Marge,
Congratulations
on your recent great
success in being admitted to
ordination. I thought of you
ever so often the day of
your meeting with the
Board.

I hope and pray
that wherever you may
be, you will retain the

MCC
Prov.

October 5, 1979

Marge -

Enclosed please find your food stamps. Sorry I've been so long in sending them to you, but I've been very busy.

I started school last week. I'm taking two courses, pro-senior and human development. So far I find them very interesting. I'll tell you, I have never written so many essays, as I have lately.

I've also been busy sending out letters to the MCC members, informing them

Mary Comerford, Clerk

273 - 7453

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of two congregational meetings coming up. Belle said according to By-laws I had to do this. The thing is I can't ever remember you doing this. Ah! I remember you doing, was putting it in the church bulletin. If I'm wrong correct me! Belle said this was not enough and made a big stink. So I sent the letters out.

Jane Taylor Phykitt will be preaching here Oct 14. Shelley was suppose to come here Oct 6, but cancelled and will be coming around Nov 17.

We will be electing our new pastor Oct 21,

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please keep us in your prayers. I hope everyone here thinks very carefully about who their voting for, before they vote.

Marge have you mailed the evaluation letters yet, as I have not received them.

When I talk to you last night you said you would write a letter stating why my dissolution papers were still in the file. Would you please do this. I feel I may need it. Thank you.

Oh! I talked to Bill Counts today and asked him if he had recorded Mary Comerford, Clerk

the tape yet. He said he hadn't, but when I told him you needed it for candidating he said he would do it tomorrow. So as soon as I have it, I will air mail it to you.

I will be leaving Prov. by the beginning of February. As of right now I will be moving to Florida. I've had a lot of Prov. that I can take. I feel that as long as I stay here, I will never be able to have or do anything I want to. I think it's time for a fresh start. As soon as I know for sure where

I'll be in Florida I'll let you know.

In answer to your question about my young lady friend. No it never went ~~anywhere~~ near I just was not ready for it to.

At the time I was still dealing with my feelings for you. I just want to be left alone for awhile.

I'm going to close for now, as I have four letters to write for the church and two essays to do for class next week. Please write soon.

P.S. Where are you, candidating
Mary Comerford, Clerk of
273 - 7453

for? Have you heard
anything from Australia
yet.

Love
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Thoughts of Life

The world is so empty
if one thinks only of
mountains, rivers & cities;
but to know someone who
thinks & feels with us,
& who, though distant
is close to us in spirit,
this makes the earth
for us an inhabited
garden.

Goethe



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Marge.

This is just a token
of love in return for
the growing up process
you have helped bring
about in me.

Thank you for
being you.

Bill



Rev. Marge Ragona
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Los Angeles, Calif. 90038

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Dear Marge,

I heard you are going to
Australia - I do hope you will
like it there and wish you the best
in your new assignment... I
got to meet your son - I think it
was David; I forgot - This was
back in Sept. when I was on my way
to the rap group - he and Ray L. had
gotten on the bus at the same time...
thought I might see you in O.C., but I
have to admit with that crowd I could
not find anyone - that was frustrating
but I knew, alas, impossible.

Wishing you all the
blessings of a
happy Thanksgiving.

Quanita

10 October, 1980

Dear Marge,

There are already some positive results of the Team's having been in Providence. I got a phone call from Bill Masters last night. It seems that while we were in service on Oct 5th making plans for a 24 hour fast to get the Holy Spirit moving in the North East, a group of people in Boston suddenly decided that they had had enough political activity and began what amounts to a "Back to Jesus" movement. They have been upset because of a lack of Jesus in the Boston Church. 3 down - 6 to go. Two days after you told Phil to get to Syracuse, Shelly called Belle and asked her to find a way to get out there and find out what is going on. More on that as I get info

Bye for now

Love

Paul

THE OTHER PAPER

P. O. BOX 3862

North Providence, R. I. 02911

April 25 1979

Marge Ragona
Metropolitan Community Church
5 Junction Street
Providence, RI 02907

Dear Marge:

First, congratulations on your nomination for Community Outreach Coordinator position.

Secondly, I am writing mainly to ask for the proper address of the Daughters of Bilitis, either Mass. or Conn. chapter. I spoke to you about this at the Palm Sunday services. I have a person who is very interested in helping to form this into a Rhode Island unit.

Would you also pass along to Connie DiGenzo that her story on the Prison Ministry will be in the next edition of The Other Paper. It was a well written and very informative peice of material.

Looking forward to your response.

Respectfully,

J. Toolio

Bob

Mrs. Burk call return call at 724-6896
Linda is also waiting for you to call
722-2287

Marge

Stanely

Community Baths

Address

Phone No.

Marge

Mr. Goodman

Talbot House - ~~Auto~~ Return call

Belle

Call Shelly if any problem with phone
call collect

Marge

Marti's - 274-8595 - Call anytime

Tooko's - 231-4202 - Call between 6-7

1 March 1979

Dear Marge,

I hope that you are well + that everything is going well in Providence. Enclosed you will find my title for Feb. I hope ~~it~~ helps to make the work of MCC in Providence go that much easier.

Things here are going well. I am continuing to make contacts with both Americans + Germans. There is interest in MCC among the Germans I have met & talked to. Some of them knew of MCC from trips to England or the USA. I am finalizing my plans for a Gay Information Center. As soon as I can get a Post Office box, I'll be ready to send out press releases to the German groups + US information centers. I am exploring how much interest there might be starting a local MCC congregation. I will have to see how

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viable that might be after we see what kind of response we get to the idea.

The weather here has been better. Northern Germany really suffered this winter. We are in the middle of a thaw. We have had 2 days of mild weather here in Bad Kreuznach. I hope that the winter hasn't been too severe in P.S.

We just finished celebrating the "Carnival" time in Germany. The grand event is the parade on Rose Monday in the city of Mainz. People come from all over Europe to see the costumes & to party until Ash Wednesday.

Well, say hello to all my friends in Providence.
Hope to hear from you soon

Peace + Joy of the Lord

Richard Matson

From

Darlene Yonkers

P.O. Box 8273, Cranston, R.I. 02920

To:

The Pastor of the Church.

4-8-79

Dear Pastor,

My name is Darlene and I am 20 yrs old and I am writing in regards to having a visit with you. It would be greatly appreciated if you could. I would like to discuss two matters with you that mean alot to me. I don't know if you would even want to talk with me, you see I'm in the Womens Refoatery in Cranston. Just before I got here I tried to call you at the church but a girl said you would be back in a few days. If you can see me please let me know. Thank you for reading my letter.

Sincerely Yours
Darlene Yonkers

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REV. CLIFFORD E. TURPIN
4204 Springhill Avenue
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23225

June 25, 1979

Dear Marg,

Greetings and love from M.C.C. Richmond, which
was granted Mission Status by the Board of Elders
June 10, 1979.

I trust all is well with you and your con-
gregation. Things here are doing fine, much
better than we expected.

Frank & I have broken off our relationship and
from Ministry. But we are the best of friends
and are working to make that friendship very
strong. We now are working as Pastor and
Associate Pastor. Please keep us in your prayers.

Our church needs 2 dozen crosses, would
you please send them to our home address as
stated above.

Thank you and God Bless you.

In Christ's Love
Cliff

MCC
Providence



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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Mother's Day

May 14, 1978

Singspiration.....Announcements.....Meditation

CALL TO WORSHIP:L: "If you love me, obey me; and I will ask the Creator and
God will give you another Comforter, and the Comforter will never leave you.

P: "It is the Holy Spirit, the Spirit who leads into all truth.

L: "The world at large cannot receive the Spirit, for it isn't looking
for the Spirit and doesn't recognize the Spirit.

P: "But you do, for the Spirit lives with you now and some day shall be in you.

L: "And when the Spirit has come, the world will be convinced of its sin,
and of the availability of God's goodness, and of deliverance from judgment."

HYMN: to be announced

Reading from Scripture

Acts 2: 1 -7, 12-21

Sermon: by Rev. Ragona

Hymn: to be announced

Prayers of the People, followed by the Lord's Prayer

Response: Hear Our Prayers, O Lord....

Worship with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Doxology

Communion Hymn: to be announced

The Lord's Supper

Prayer of Confession:L: And now Lord we come to you with our failings.

ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought,
word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our
neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake Jesus Christ, we ask you, Almighty God, to have mercy on
us, forgive us our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the
power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The Eucharist: The Breaking of the Bread / the Blessing of the Wine

Thanksgiving Prayer

Sung Thanksgiving:

Now our God is with us, let us make Thanksgiving,
for the joy within us living.

In this holy temple, at this holy table,
hope and life God will enable.

Now we leave, and believe, that God will restore us,
for the work before us. Amen.

Closing Hymn: to be announced

Benediction / The passing of the Peace

p.s. Just a reminder that tickets for the 50/50 raffle are being sold now,
so if you've forgotten, why not buy some - See our ticket agents!!!!

June 15, 1979

Dear Ms. Judd,

I sincerely regret that I was unable to be with you and the friends of Marge Ragona at the Testimonial held in her honor on Wednesday evening. (over)

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

CITY HALL

COUNCILMAN

Charles R. Mansolillo



Unfortunately, I was presiding over The Pro CAP, Inc. Board of Directors at its monthly meeting.

Please extend my every best wish to Rev. Ragona as she embarks on her California ministry. Sincerely, Charlie

7/14/79

I

Dear Marge,

Well this to let you all know we all made it fine and we have a nice 3 bedroom trailer and when we save up \$500⁰⁰ we can bye it.

The kids like it here and they act much better and Eve and I do have problem's like we did up there.

People here are a lot kinder here and friendly too.

oh did you find me studded belt in your parent-room? and please give it to marry so I can have it back Eve forgot to get it, and Eve was the one who got it for ~~me~~ (next Page)

7/14/79

I

Dear George
Well this is the last year all
passes in all months it fine
and we have a nice 3 bedroom
trailer and when we have up
\$2000 we can live it.
The kids like to live and
they get much better and the
I have problems like me and
up there.
People here are a lot kinder
here and friendly too.
Oh what you find me
attached & left in your picture
room and please give it to
money as I can have it back
for forgot to get it, and for
was the one who got it for
~~over (and pay)~~

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me. I thought it was in the trunk but then I remember I showed it to Bill and didn't put it back in it.

Tell Mary to write as well as Bill, Connie, Cindy, Stephanie, Pall. and tell Bill we all said Hi.

We'll guess that's all for ~~now~~ now, oh you all have a safe trip and write to ~~us~~ us and if you this way stop in we would love to have you stay.

your sisters
Carol

Evelyn

June 25, 1949



Dear Marge,

I hope that my letter finds you well. I hope that Gay Pride week is successful in Providence. Here, the local "action" group held a rally in the town square with a memorial service for those "exterminated" by the Nazis.

Enclosed you will find my tithe for June. It has been a year since my pledge of 10% of my monthly salary as a tithe to MCC-Providence & I renewed my tithe-pledge again. I hope that this tithe helps to continue the work & services in Providence.

I have been in contact with MCC's Church extension officer for England & Western Europe. We have discussed some ideas for future expansion. I offered my help while I am here in Germany. After general conference in August, he hopes to be able to travel to the Continent to explore possibilities for MCC here.

On the whole, things are going well here. With the improved weather, I will be busy with Army training exercises - the big maneuvers coming in mid-August & mid-September.

I need to know if you have any MCC crosses available. If so, I need two. I need one for myself & one for a friend in Ansbach, Germany who asked for one. Let me know the costs & postage & I will send it to you.

I hope all is well. I understand that Providence has been chartered (again) as of last Oct. My prayers are for your continued

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success. It has been a long struggle to make the congregation there a viable one. It has always been a small number of dedicated individuals who have kept the faith which has made MCC-Brow a living witness of Christ's message.

I miss Providence. I have a year and a half left before I return. (I guess I am just feeling a little homesick.) How are everyone? Give a special greeting to Belle + Connie for me. Belle is a very special person for me.

Well, I guess I'll sign off for now. Please keep me in your prayers - you all are in mine.

The Lord is my strength! Through his grace we share in His love. And I can face each day with the joy of Christ's love. Peace.

I am,

Sincerely yours,

Richard Maturo

PS - I received a letter today from Robin Whalen. She is stationed at the 130TH Station Hospital in Heidelberg. I am writing to let her know what is going on



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Sunday Services - 7:00 PM
134 Mathewson St.

July 18, 1979

Col. Angelo P. Ricci
Chief
Police Department
City of Providence,
PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island

Dear Col. Ricci:

Please allow me to express my regret that the Journal-Bulletin's interview printed in the Rhode Islander Magazine of July 15, 1979 carried a view of you and the Providence Police Department which was to some extent unfair.

The interview in question had been taped last August, when we in the gay community were having problems with the Police Department, and before Gay Community Services and the police began their series of dialogues. While the views I expressed at that time were based on factual incidents (including just shortly after that the beating of a young member of my church who is a hemophiliac -- has a bleeding disease), and my feelings were based on those incidents, much progress has been made in the year just past. I feel that your willingness to sit down and talk with us, and the work done by Capt. Clarke have made a significant difference, and I thank you both for that difference.

If there is anything I can do to help correct the effect that interview has had on you or people in your office, please be confident that I will do so. I have already written to the Bulletin a letter addressed to the Editor suggesting that they should have up-dated their information.

While I do not feel that Providence has become heaven-on-earth for gay people, I do feel that there have been enough changes to make that interview untrue at present, and I hope we can undo some of the damage. I do hope that Providence will still see its way to passing a Comprehensive Civil Rights Bill in the near future, and I regret that I will not be here to help make it happen. As you are probably aware, I will be leaving Providence in the near future (August 1).

I do not know if you are aware that during the blizzard of 1978, when the city was at a standstill, our church and our host church were instrumental in keeping the police fed, and if you will contact Sgt. Donnelly, you will receive confirmation of this. Even when things were at their worst between the gay community and the police, we felt that the opportunity presented to us during the blizzard to be of assistance to the police was worth our effort and we were glad to be of help.

Please be assured of my continuing support of the dialogues between Gay Community Services and the police, even though my own schedule has prevented me from being present at any of those talks.

New York has had for some years a very good working relationship between the Gay community and their Police Department, which includes an annual baseball game between the Greenwich Village gay people and the 6th Precinct. We have also had gay auxiliary police patrolling areas heavily frequented by gay people. It is to that sort of model for Police/Gay relationships that I would like us to look in the future. Conflict does not serve the needs of anyone, makes your job more difficult, and does not help us to serve the gay community.

I wish you well and again want to thank you for your willingness to dialogue with the gay community.

Very sincerely yours,

Rev. Marge Ragona
Pastor
Metropolitan Community Church
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134 Mathewson St.

July 15, 1979

Mr. Raymond Lariviere
Gay Community Services
44 Washington Street
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Ray:

Enclosed are copies of the two letters I promised you I would write and send to Col. Ricci and to the Journal Bulletin.

I regret that the article which appeared in July 15th's Rhode Islander Magazine might have jeopardized the efforts of Gay Community Services and the Police to come to an understanding and to improve relationships between the gay community and the police.

Please accept my apology, but understand that I had no control over what was finally printed, nor over the fact that the interview was eleven months old when printed. My facts were correct when I stated my views, but with the passage of time the situation has certainly bettered through the efforts of people like you, Chuck Noice, Capt. Clarke and Col. Ricci.

If there is anything I can do to be of further assistance in this matter, please contact me at once, since I will be leaving Rhode Island in two weeks and do not want this left hanging after I leave.

Best wishes, by the way, on your recent anniversary!

Sincerely,

Rev. Marge Ragona, Pastor
Metropolitan Community Church
of Providence

CC: Col. Angelo P. Ricci
Providence Journal Bulletin



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July 15, 1979

Editor
Providence Journal Bulletin
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Sir:

Please allow me to express my regret that the Journal Bulletin in the July 15th edition of the Rhode Islander Magazine printed an interview with me which had been taped nearly a year ago. The interview carried a strongly-worded complaint against the Police Department and Col. Ricci which I made during that taping session.

During the intervening year, Col. Ricci and Captain Clarke of the Police Department have been dialoguing with members of Gay Community Services, an organization which acts in the social services area in the gay community. Those dialogues have led to much improved relationships between the police and the gay community.

It is unfair of the Journal Bulletin to interview people, get their reactions to situations which may exist at the time, but which can change over time (as this one has), and not check their facts before printing an old interview.

Obviously, some of what I said in the interview still holds, but with the improved relationship between the gay community and the police being jeopardized by that article, I felt it very necessary to speak out and try to correct the impression the article may have left. Col. Ricci has been attempting to work with us to prevent violence against gay people, and we are grateful for that attempt. It is not fair to him or his department to be castigated for a situation he is trying to correct.

Please accept this statement with my hope that you will be able to print this fairly speedily and prevent further erosion of the progress that has been made.

Very sincerely yours,

Rev. Marge Ragona, Pastor
Metropolitan Community Church
of Providence

CC: Col. Angelo P. Ricci
Gay Community Services

August 29, 1979

Hi Marge!

So you're already tired of California and are going off to Australia? You sure are fast! All I know about Australia is what I've read in books like *The Lorn Birds* but it sounds fascinating. Are you excited? I'd be thrilled. The director of the half way house I was in was from Australia and she had the cutest ~~accent~~ ^{accent}. When we meet in years to come, will you talk funny? You aren't leaving until January, right? Gee Marge, just think, if you were still in good old Providence, you could still catch some of our New England winters you enjoyed and loved so much!

Enclosed is a copy (fresh off the press!) of the flyer for the new Rhode Island College Gay Alliance. Yea! yea! Do you realize you're being asked to form an actual gay alliance officer? The kids aren't kidding. Either Ethie and I will co-chair the presidency or he'll do it alone and I'll be the secretary. Actually, it doesn't really matter which job I get because I don't know a thing about either one. Well, I was the secretary of an A.A. group once and I did

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do a good job but that was an established group and this one is from scratch. Ray, Ernie and I were passing these out at registration yesterday and today. Nothing dramatic happened it was all very public but I found there is a ~~fa~~ vast difference between being out while surrounded by gay friends and being out in the world. At first, I was a bit uncomfortable but I like coming out. It's refreshing. If I was ashamed of who I was, I would question my feelings towards women because if those feelings aren't valid enough to acknowledge in public then they aren't worth offering to someone, either.

I registered today. Looks like it's going to be an interesting semester. I took Approaches to Religion in Anthropology, an independent study with Mrs. Hoffmann and a literature course in English and a math for the science requirement. A guy in the math department swore it was an easy class. It better be — I still add on my fingers! I am so glad to get back to school. Being a cashier gets boring. I'm dying to write again.

I am a liberated woman! I finally quit my baby sitting job and I feel so free! Last Saturday and Sunday nights I actually went to parties. I couldn't believe it! And next Sunday I can finally go to church again. I do love those ~~two~~ two

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little brats though so I've asked Anne
to keep me on hand by. Anne in
ankle is very comfortable but every
night is for the birds!

I hope everything is going well
for you Marge. How's your diet coming
along? The fall clothes are gorgeous. I
practically drool when I pass Casual
Corner. I bought some new blouses last
week. Losing weight is already paying
off. I love it! I love it!

Write if you get the chance. Don't
you dare leave the country without sending
me your address. (Don't get bitten
by any kangaroos) Miss ya, Marge.

Love,
Merry



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May 17, 1979

TO: THE MEMBERS OF MCC PROVIDENCE

FROM: REV. MARGE RAGONA

Dear Friends:

In the life of every church there comes that moment when the pastor must say to the people, "My time is up here, I will be leaving you." Somewhere there is another church or another task which needs to be done, and the pastor is called or sent to do that work.

That time has come. I will be leaving Providence on July 30th for General Conference, and I will not be returning to the East after Conference.

It is hard to leave all of you. This was my first pastorate and I came to you full of love for you. I leave the same way. Many of you have not only been my congregation, you have been my friends of many years. I will not only be leaving this church, I will also be leaving this District, and may not see many of you for years -- if ever.

You have been good people to work with, and your faithfulness in the times when we have had troubles has been remarkable. You have never let me down. Don't let the Lord down now. You have an opportunity to show your growth and maturity and to demonstrate that this is indeed a church which has earned its charter the hard way.

You will be calling a new pastor as soon as you can. You will function under a Worship Coordinator as a chartered church. I am fully convinced that you can and are able to fulfill those tasks which God has called you -- as a church-- to complete.

Do not be discouraged. The Pastor is not the church. If you had not had the ability to do what has been done these past 20 months, nothing would have happened. But you were able and you still are. The Lord calls not only clergy, but people to be the church. You have a strong lay leadership group here. You can survive, and you can bring someone who cares into this city. Be in prayer that that leader will be found.

I leave loving all of you -- just as I came here. God bless you all. We shall all meet again one day. Mizpah.

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Marge Ragona

May 15, 1975
Dear Mr. [Name]
Thank you for your letter of May 10, 1975, regarding the [Subject].

Very truly yours,
[Signature]

Enclosed for you are [Number] copies of [Document Name].

I am sure that you will find this information of interest.

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October 17, 1978

DISTRICT COORDINATOR - REV. JOS. H. GILBERT
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DISTRICT CLERK - MR. H. ERNIE RICHARDSON

For all the saints in
Metropolitan Community Church in
The State of Rhode Island and
Providence Plantation,

Through the Rev. Marge Ragona,
Peace,

I understand that the congregation is about to regain its Charter within the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. I want to extend congratulations from your sisters and brothers in this district and from Joseph, your brother who loves you. I remember when you first expressed willingness to return that Charter and to really begin to learn to DO the work of being the Church of Jesus Christ in the world and in your city. No other congregation had ever had that maturity before. And now you know that you have come that distance and our Fellowship recognizes that the commitment is real. Congratulations.

An important part of my life is represented by the name "Providence". Thank you for that. I am so proud to have been a part of your lives, not just because I was in your midst, but because you are the kind of community that could return a Charter, on the one hand, and reclaim it, on the other.

C. S. Lewis once wrote, "Good and evil both increase at compound interest. That is why the little decisions you and I make every day are of such infinite importance. The smallest good act today is the capture of a strategic point from which, a few months later, you may be able to go on to victories you never dreamed of." The strategic point is now yours, I know that you will go on to the victory. Be at peace.

God is with us,

Joseph
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Rev. Jos. H. Gilbert
District Coordinator



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May 31, 1979

Rev. Marge Ragona, pastor and friend, is leaving us to continue her ministry in California on August 3, 1979. The congregation of MCC Providence is planning a testimonial dinner to celebrate her two year ministry here with us, and to send her in God's Peace to her new position as staff minister at the Mother Church in Los Angeles.

I would like to take this opportunity to cordially invite you to share in this celebration. The dinner will be held at Mathewson Street Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on June 13, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at a cost of \$5.00 per person and can be purchased at the door. Please call me at 272-3283 in advance so that I can make the final arrangements.

I am looking forward to seeing you on June 13th.

In Christ,

Stephanie Judd
Vice-Moderator

28 April 1979

Agenda

1. Correspondence of members we've not seen in a while
— ie: Norrington/Daum ; Hodgedon/Jones-Henrey
and let them know we miss them.
Barbara + Edie
2. Dinner @ King Phillip in Wrentham - Friday, 4 May
✓ contact Paul P. - 331-1864
3. Role of vice moderator/clerk in pastors absence
✓ Why not made aware when pastor is leaving?
4. Application for DEACONATE - Cindy Also concerning
Table
at table Head DEACON ✓
5. ✓ Application for Exhortership - Carl Cornish unanimous
6. Ministerial License - M. Nordstrom
Key
7. Ordinations - M. Ragosa
8. ✓ Sign language - M. Nordstrom
9. ✓ I would like to know if children have a
choice on whether to go to Sunday School or
Church service?

10. Question of paroxysm house next door.

1. The first part of the report is a general introduction to the subject of the study.

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Please vote for one candidate
for each of the offices.

Treasurer/Fundraising Coordinator

☐

Eve Bornstein

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Val Southern

☐

Membership Secretary

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Phil Eberle

☐

Corresponding Secretary

☐

Mary Whelan

☐

Recording Secretary

☐

Dan Donnelly

☐

Community Outreach Coordinator

☐

Chuck Noice

☐

Marge Ragona

☐

Social Services Coordinator

☐

Irene Lefevre

☐

Jo Ann 'Toolio' Wood

☐

Social Activities Coordinator

☐

Paul Paoletti

☐☐

Linda Sable

☐

Maureen Grimmins

☐

Paul McNeil

"Board meeting" Sunday March 4 - 79

Billy M. -
Bill Counts =
Ernie B. -
Mary C. -
Stephanie = absent

Marge -
Ed. -
Michael -

Michael will attend board meetings

Phil -
Barbara -
Belle -
Paul -
Eddie -
Michael O. -

- Tony needs Michael to minister
to him. Tony is a member.
When there is no interpreter ^{for} Tony,
Tony doesn't come because he can't understand.
Tony was bringing two deaf friends.
Jimmy ^{Kelly} and John R.

Cindy -

Michael N. - talk about Relinquishing
alcohol -

attending
program for drugs and ~~alcohol~~ alcohol abuse.
interpreter for the deaf -
would like to have another interpreter

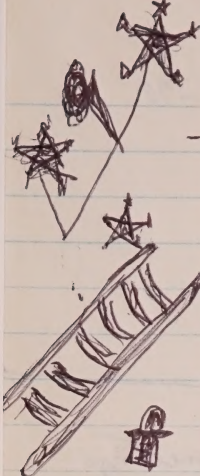
programs - at R.I.C.

councillors at college. - relating to drinking problem.
supervision -

time management group. - direction for himself.
in regards to drinking.

dealing with alcohol -

* Marge needs to see ^{from Michael} commitment to M.C.C. Church.
not at bottom of priority list.

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- ★ Bill Counts -
- Treasurers report -
solvent -
2 special gifts
one from Michael-N.

talked ~~and~~ about last board meeting -

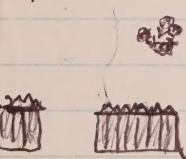


Mary Co - now elected a Deacon.
resigned from being board member. -

resignation - from exhorter.

↓
Barbara - ~~deacon~~ deacon.

★ Edie - deacon ← elected



Cindy - deacon candidate

Belle - exhorter

Phil - exhorter -

Paul - dual membership

Hispania New York - M.C.C. Providence.

will wait until we receive ~~pastor~~ transfer
membership from New York. Hispania -

Dear Minister + Delegates:

Beacon Tours (gay-owned) in Boston has arranged for our ministers & delegates to fly to Los Angeles very inexpensively and Linda Carford of Beacon is holding 10 seats out of Boston and 10 seats out of N.Y.

Also talked.

~~Fri~~ Friday night 8.00 P.M. meeting about
Song Hymnal.

Stephanie Gidd - ~~elects~~ ~~member~~ elected Clerk.
She also is vice moderator

Michael O'Malley - wants to be a board
member -
talk -

brief history -
elected to first board as Treasurer.
for three or four years. -

active member, ~~as~~ supported the church,
some possibilities could be Bunny P. or Pat Ryan,

contributes & bring up details.
has some ideas on fund raising -

appoint - Michael is temporarily board member,
until next board ~~member~~ meeting.

- B.A. in History -



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England

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1 dozen Chi Rho crosses, rhodium finish with
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April 22, 1979

Ms. Juanita Morales
Church Clerk
Metropolitan Community Church
of the Pomona Valley
P. O. Box 1118
Pomona, California 91769

Dear Ms. Morales:

I received a letter today from Mr. Rodney Howell, announcing the vacancy of the pulpit of MCC Pomona, and immediately felt moved to write concerning this.

For many personal reasons, particularly because I would like to become involved with Samaritan in a teaching or instructing sense, I am interested in moving to the West Coast. I have been the pastor of MCC Providence for nearly two years (the term of my contract with them) and want to move elsewhere in the Fellowship -- probably somewhere south or southwest. I lived for 12 years in New Orleans, and New England is not my preference for living, particularly in view of the very severe winters we have had lately.

This has been a successful pastorate. We had 17 on roll when I came, had lost Chartered Church status, and were deeply in debt. We now have 49 on roll, have been re-Chartered, and are out of debt, with the exception of current bills. We have the respect of other churches in the area, our host church, and the gay community.

Our program includes a Sunday School for 15 children of gay parents, a functioning exhorter-training program with 4 persons enrolled, a diaconate of four, and an on-going Christian Education program for adults. In my first year here, we had a growth of over 20 per cent in our giving. Our per capita giving is the highest in our District, although we are the most significantly depressed area in this part of the country, and most of our adult women are mothers of up to as many as six children.

I have enclosed my resume, which gives other important background information. I have sent Mr. Howell a tape of a sermon (done about 3 years ago, but the only one I've ever taped) which gives

an idea of my preaching style. I have guest preached at most of the churches in this area; also at such places as Wellesley College, the Federation of Ministers and Rabbis at New York, and was the speaker at the Gay Pride Day pre-parade service at Boston last year. I learned to preach by having the privilege of attending church under some of America's finest preachers -- I grew up in Norman Vincent Peale's church in New York, and worked under J.D.Grey ('Mr. Baptist') at First Baptist Church in New Orleans. I enjoy teaching and my students think I teach well.

I will be in California from May 3 to May 13th on personal business and vacation. I would be happy to make myself available for your Board or Committee to interview at that time. I know, for example, that often our budgets prohibit seeing candidates from outside our areas, and we would have been grateful for an opportunity to meet a candidate we did not know had he or she been available.

I am a candidate for ordination, having just been passed by the MCAC at Eastern Ministers' Conference, and hope to be ordained this summer at General Conference.

I look forward to hearing from you and/or Mr. Howell.

In Christ's love,

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Vice Moderator
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Dear Mr. Howell:

I received your letter today, and felt moved to write you immediately about your pastoral vacancy.

I have been the pastor at MCC Providence since my licensing in August of 1977, and have seen growth and maturity of this congregation since that time. I have had a two-year contract with Providence, which will end at General Conference, and I do not wish to renegotiate that contract. Mainly, I prefer to live "in the Sunbelt," and New England winters are more than I can continue to take at this point. It is a matter of personal preference that leads me to seek a church somewhere out of this District.

Providence had 17 on roll when I came here, had lost its Chartered Church status, and was deeply in debt. Since I have been here we have 49 on roll, have been re-Chartered, and have erased all of our indebtedness. We have the respect of our ecclesiastical neighbors, our host church, and the gay community.

We have a program which includes a Sunday School for 15 children of gay parents, a functioning exhorter-training program with 4 persons enrolled, a diaconate of four, and an on-going Christian Education program for adults. In my first year here, we experienced a budgetary increase (with accompanied giving) of over 20 per cent. Our per capita giving is the highest in the Northeast District, although we are in the most significantly economically depressed area of this part of the country.

I have enclosed my resume, which lists other important background information. I have also taken the liberty of including a tape of a sermon which I preached some time ago, but which gives a taste of my sermonic style. I will be in California on personal business during the week of May 3-13, and would be interested in meeting with your Board -- and it will lessen your financial

problem should you choose to interview me at that time.

I look forward to hearing from you, and am also sending a copy of my resume to Ms. Morales, as per your request.

In Christ's love,

Rev. Marge Ragona, Pastor
Metropolitan Community Church
of Providence

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Rev. Marjorie F. Ragona
5 Junction Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02907
(401) 272-9247

RESUME

<u>Position being sought:</u>	Pastor, Metropolitan Community Church
<u>Present Employment</u> October 1977-Present	Pastor, Metropolitan Community Church of Providence, Rhode Island.
<u>Previous Employment</u> October 1976-1977	Associate Pastor (August 1977-October 1977) and Director of Women's Ministries (October 1976-August 1977), Metropolitan Community Church of Boston, Massachusetts.
<u>Other MCC Involvement</u> April 1975-October 1976	Exhorter, Metropolitan Community Church of New York.
November 1974-April 1975	Board Member and Director of Christian Education, Metropolitan Community Church of New York.
<u>Prior Church Service</u> 1970-1973	Director of Religious Education, Valence Street Baptist Church, New Orleans, La.
1968-1970	Superintendent of Teen Departments, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, La..
1965-1968	Director of Religious Education, Napoleon Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans, La. (These are a "consortium" of "mother- daughter" Southern Baptist Churches, with overlapping membership and ministry.)
<u>Professional Employment-Education</u>	
June 1973-December 1973	Partner/Program Director, Pertinent Education, Inc. New York, New York. This was a company formed in New Orleans to market educationally innovative materials. I wrote a remedial speller for this company.
February 1967-June 1973	Teacher - 4th, 5th and 6th grades New Orleans Public Schools, 430 Carondelet Street, New Orleans, La.
September 1966-February 1967	Teacher - Science Helena M. Hart School (private) New Orleans, La.

Professional Employment-Court Reporting

July 1965-September 1966 Partner/Office Manager
Olga Radic, Court Reporting Inc.
New Orleans, Louisiana

Employment -Medical Administrative

October 1976-July 1977 Supervisor, Animal Research Laboratory
New England Medical Center Hospital
Boston, Mass.

July 1977-February 1978 Administrative Secretary, Speech, Hearing
and Language Center
New England Medical Center Hospital
Boston, Mass.

July 1973-August 1975 Office Manager/Supervisor
Regency Medical Laboratories
New York, New York

July 1965-September 1966 Administrative Assistant, Department of
Surgery
Tulane University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Employment - Nursing

February 1963-February 1965 Orthopedic Nurse
Drs. Battalora and Battalora
New Orleans, Louisiana

1949-1957 Private Duty Nursing, Nurse Supervisor
at Flower Fifth Avenue Hospital, Nurse
at Goldwater Memorial Hospital, Beth
David Hospital, and Mt. Sinai Hospital,
New York City, and Monmouth Hospital,
Trenton, New Jersey.

EDUCATION

Post-B.A. - Courses in
Sign Language
Counseling Methods
Rehabilitation and Social Agencies - Rhode Island College

Linguistics
Modern Religious Movements in
the United States
The Folktale
Mythology

Harvard University

The Christian Experience
with Good and Evil

New York Theological Seminary

The Early Christian Fathers
Homiletics

Institute for Theology -- New York

Sociology of Deviance and Social
Conflict

Brooklyn College

Reading Diagnosis and Remediation

Ferkauf Graduate School of Education
(Yeshivah University)

Bachelor in Arts
Graduated with Honors, 1972

Tulane University,
New Orleans, La.

High School

Briarcliff Manor, New York

PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Date of Birth
Place of Birth

June 13, 1929
New York City (Manhattan)

Marital Status/Relationship,
Etc.

Single, previously divorced and
once widowed. Presently not in
relationship.

Children

David Flint, age 20
Jonathan Flint, Age 19
(David lives in Providence,
Jon in Boston)
Elizabeth Ragona, Age 14 (lives
with me)

Committees, Commissions, and
Organizations

Chair

Task Force on Women, N.E.D.

Member

Committee on Hymnology, U.F.M.C.C.

Representative

National Council of Churches,
Commission on Women in Ministry

Member

Rhode Island Council of Churches
National Gay Task Force

Chaplain

Rhode Island School of Design
(Brown University)

Advisor

Sex Information & Referral Service
Rhode Island College

Publications

with Jennie Bull

Feminist Views of Christianity
Mother Eagle Press, Boston, 1977

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Inclusive Hymns (formerly Desexing
Your Local Hymnal), Mother Eagle Press,
Boston, 1976.



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Sunday Services - 7:00 PM
134 Mathewson St.

April 22, 1979

Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan
Community Churches
5300 Santa Monica Boulevard #304
Los Angeles, Calif. 90029

Att: Treasurer

STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

For: Commission on Women in Ministry Meeting
National Council of Churches of Christ
in the U.S.A.

At: Marriottsville, Maryland

Dates: March 21,22,23

Transportation	
Providence, R.I. to Baltimore, Md.	\$48.00
Baltimore, Md. to Marriottsville	6.00
Registration Fee - Check to	
Professional Church Leadership, NCC	15.00
Housing and meals	48.00
	<u>\$117.00</u>

Please make check payable to
MCC Providence.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF PROVIDENCE

Financial Report

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
<u>Tithes and Offerings</u>	\$4486.44	\$5850.00
<u>Fund Raising</u>		
Crosses	520.02	
Films	190.00	
Benefits	304.00	
Raffles	302.25	
Flea Markets	136.10	
In Unity Sales	45.00	
Refund-Narra. Elect	23.74	
Loans Repaid		
E. Valley (Refrig.)	50.00	
C. Dumont	28.00	
B. Kendall	10.00	
Refund - Travel, MCC-NY	17.50	
Phone	75.43	
<u>District Conference</u>		
Registrations	1141.00	
Offerings	243.26	
<u>Travel Fund-General Conf.</u>	261.00	
<u>World Church Extension</u>	21.75	
	<u>\$7730.49</u>	\$6500.00
<u>Total</u>		

PASTORAL EXPENSES

Stipend	\$1160.00	\$1445.00
Rent **	1085.00	1395.00
Utilities**		
Narra. Elect.	293.30	315.00
Prov. Gas	231.59	450.00
Conferences		
N.E.District-Regist.	20.00	20.00
Travel	37.50	37.50
E. Ministers Regist.	53.00	53.00
Travel*	115.00	111.00
COWIM		
Regist.***	126.00	--
Travel	91.00	--
Kirkridge		
Regist.	50.00	
Discretionary Fund	70.00	90.00
Loan to Pastor following		
theft at parsonage	25.00	--
Total	\$3447.39	\$4220.00

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	90.00	
Phone	102.00	
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50% of dinner proceeds	100.00	
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Phone	799.25

Stationary/Ofc.Sup.	149.71
Printing	141.21

P.O. Box/Postage	63.65
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Sunday School Supplies	10.00
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Air Fare-Rev.John Hose	164.50

Total \$884.36*

Fund Raising Expenses

Crosses - Pell Mfg.	126.00
Ansons	26.00

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Raffle Prizes	175.00
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Dinner Expense	38.00
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In Unity	25.00
Deacon's Fund - not repaid	163.00
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Total	4067.77
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Minister
Rev. Howard F. Smith Jr.
400 Lloyd Avenue
Providence, R. I. 02906

Sept. 22, 1973

Metropolitan Community Church
290 Westminster St.
Providence, R. I. 02903

Dear Rev. Cozault,

It is with regret that the Executive Board of the Church is unable to grant your request for the use of our facilities at this time in the Church year.

yours truly,
Agnes E. Varro
Clerk

